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1. In 1951 a Soviet Col. (fnu) Anikin acted in an advisory capacity to a Colonel General at the Infantry Training School at Bruntal. Col. Anikin was very seldom seen with him, though. He usually traveled alone and closely observed everything that took place in the school. Col. Anikin wore black trousers with a dark red stripe down the side. His blouse was green and he had many medals on the left chest of the blouse. He never wore boots with his uniform.

2. [redacted] another Soviet officer, Col. (fnu) Sostakov, [redacted] always accompanied Col. (fnu) Sevcik, the Commanding Officer of the 5 Mecz Div. [redacted] 25X1

When a mistake was made on maneuvers, Col. Sostakov immediately reported the error to Col. Sevcik and told him to correct it. Actual supervision was performed by Czech officers but Soviet influence was increasing. Col. Sostakov's uniform consisted of black trousers with a dark red stripe down the side seams, cavalry boots, and a green blouse and many Soviet medals on the left breast. The collar of the blouse was buttoned to the neck.

3. [redacted] there were no Soviet units in any part of the country. /

4. Training and organization of the Czech Army was slowly being patterned after the Soviet system. It was common knowledge among military personnel that the Czech

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uniforms would be changed in 1952 to conform to the Soviet type, even to include the red star on the cap. The red star was already being worn by border guards.

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all infantry divisions were soon to be mechanized. Some Czech Army units were being prepared for re-organization along the lines of Soviet T/O & E. Since October 1950 the following manuals had been changed in order to conform to Soviet ones:

- (a) Field Order of the Czech Army (Polni Rad CSR Armady)
- (b) Combat Order of the Czech Army (Bojovy Rad CSR Armady)
- (c) Field Order of Mechanized and Tank Units (Polni Rad Pro Mechanizova a Tankova Vojska)

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the new Czech, model 27, submachine-guns, were to be 7.62-mm guns instead of 7.92-mm.

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- 8. It was believed by all Czech military personnel that in case of a conflict between the East and the West the Czechs would be the front line troops.

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